

## IN THE CLAIMS

Add claims 18-19, as indicated below:

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18. A method of avoiding deadlock in a computer system having a split-transaction bus and a single-envelope bus bridged by a bus bridge, the split-transaction bus and the single-envelope bus each having at least one master device and one slave device connected thereto, comprising:

storing data from one or more accepted bus transactions;

determining, prior to a request for a bus transaction from a requestor, if execution of such bus transaction would cause deadlock based on the stored data; and

responsive to the determination that execution of the bus transaction would cause deadlock, sending a retry signal to the bus transaction requestor.

19. An apparatus for avoiding deadlock in a computer system having a split-transaction bus and a single-envelope bus bridged by a bus bridge, the split-transaction bus and the single-envelope bus each having at least one master device and one slave device connected thereto, comprising:

a memory for storing data from one or more accepted bus transactions; and

deadlock avoidance logic coupled to the memory for determining, prior to a request for a bus transaction from a requestor, if execution of the bus transaction would cause deadlock based on the stored data, the deadlock avoidance logic adapted to send a retry signal to the bus transaction requester if execution of the bus transaction would cause deadlock.

END

## STATUS OF CLAIMS AND SUPPORT FOR CLAIM CHANGES

Original claims 1-17 are in the patent as issued and new claims 18-19 are pending. Support for new claims 18-19 can be found in the specification of the issued patent at cols. 9-11 *et seq.* and cols. 18-19 *et seq.*